**Candidates for Medical Education**

418. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) how many candidates were allotted seats by Union Government for under-graduate medical education in various medical colleges during the last five years, collegewise and yearwise; and

(b) what are the guidelines to select these candidates?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (PROF. SHAKEELUR REHMAN): (a) and (b). The Union Government in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare have not made to any candidate any direct allotment of under-graduate and post-graduate medical courses in any medical college in the country.

However the MBBS seats contributed by the States with Medical Colleges and certain other medical institutions to the Government of India for Central Pool are allocated to States|Union Territories without medical colleges of their own, Children of Defence Personnel, other para-military organisations, foreign students awarded Cultural Exchange Fellowship, Self-financing foreign students, repatriates from Burma, Sri Lanka, etc. Allocation of these seats vary from year to year depending upon the availability of seats in th Central Pool. The selection and nomination is done by the respective States|Union Territories| concerned Ministries to whom the seats are allocated.

**Drilling operation in Andhra Pradesh**

419. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of districts in Andhra Pradesh where drilling is being undertaken by ONGC; and

(b) how many wells are already in operation and how many more are in the offing?

THE MINISTER FOR PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) Drilling for oil exploration is being undertaken presently in four districts of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) So far, 73 wells have been drilled and nine wells are under drilling/production testing. Rig building in preparation for drilling is going on at one more location.

**Gas for Andhra Pradesh power projects**

420. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity of gas being supplied annually by ONGC to Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board for its power projects at present;

(b) whether there is any additional demand from Andhra Pradesh State electricity board for the gas; and

(c) if so, at what stage these proposals are?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) There is commitment to supply 0.40 MMSCMD of gas to APSEB for their power plant at Vijjeshwaram Offtake by APSEB has been lower than the commitment.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. 1.5 MMSCMD of gas has been allocated for the proposed 400 MW gas based power plant of APSEB in the Krishna Godavari basin.

**Energy produced by National Thermal Power Corporation**

421. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state what is the quantum of energy being produced by National Thermal Power Corporation at present and how it is distributed amoung various states State-wise?